

GOSSIP OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Marine Hospital Service

List of changes of station and duties of commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, for the seven days ended October 3, 1906.

C. P. Wertenbaker, surgeon, extension of leave of absence for seven days from September 22, granted Surgeon Wertenbaker, extended as to rest for four days only, September 23, 1906.

H. W. Wickes, passed assistant surgeon. Directed to proceed to Stapleton, N. Y., and report to the medical officer in command for duty and assignment to quarters, upon being relieved from duty at Reedy Island, Quarantine Station, by Passed Assistant Surgeon W. A. Korn, September 23, 1906.

C. H. Lavinder, passed assistant surgeon. Directed to proceed to Wilmington, N. C., and assume command of the service, upon the arrival at Stapleton, N. Y., of Passed Assistant Surgeon H. W. Wickes, September 23, 1906.

W. C. Hobdy, passed assistant surgeon. Granted leave of absence for ten days from October 1, 1906, September 27, 1906.

H. A. Stanfield, passed assistant surgeon. Relieved from duty at Baltimore, Md., and directed to proceed to Havana, Cuba, reporting to Passed Assistant Surgeon R. H. von Zedler for duty, September 23, 1906.

T. W. Salmon, assistant surgeon. Granted leave of absence for seven days from September 23, 1906, under paragraph 191 of the regulations.

F. H. McKon, assistant surgeon. Granted leave of absence for one day, October 3, 1906.

J. N. Fogarty, acting assistant surgeon. Granted leave of absence for one day, September 13, 1906, September 23, 1906.

W. E. Hicks, acting assistant surgeon.

Granted leave of absence for ten days from September 22, 1906, September 23, 1906.

McDonald Watkins, acting assistant surgeon. Granted leave of absence for one day, October 3, 1906.

G. C. Allen, pharmacist. Leave of absence granted. Pharmacist Allen for twenty-three days from August 4, 1906, extended to read twenty-three days from August 5, 1906, September 23, 1906.

Appointments Announced.

Dr. Fiench Simpson, of Texas, commissioned (recess) as assistant surgeon, Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, October 1, 1906.

Dr. Robert A. Kering, of Mississippi, commissioned (recess) as assistant surgeon, Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, October 1, 1906.

Boards Convened.

Boards of medical officers were convened to meet on October 10, 1906, for the purpose of making physical examinations of applicants for cadetships in the Revenue Cutter Service at the following named places: Washington, D. C., Assistant Surgeon General J. W. C. K. chairman; Assistant Surgeon J. W. Trask, recorder, Boston, Mass., Surgeon R. M. Woodward, chairman; Passed Assistant Surgeon B. S. Warren, recorder, New York, N. Y., Assistant Surgeon J. S. Boggess, chairman; Acting Assistant Surgeon R. Knowles, recorder, Philadelphia, Pa., Surgeon J. M. Casement, chairman; Assistant Surgeon H. M. G. Robertson, recorder, Baltimore, Md., Surgeon L. L. Williams, chairman; Acting Assistant Surgeon —, recorder, Chicago, Ill., Surgeon C. B. Young, chairman; Assistant Surgeon E. T. Olson, recorder, Detroit, Mich., Surgeon Fairfax Irwin, chairman; Assistant Surgeon R. A. C. Wollenberg, recorder.

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District Building

Supt. W. A. McFarland, of the District Water Department, has evolved what is regarded as the most remarkable card index system in use in the Government departments, Federal or District. It took that energetic superintendent and his force six years to work it out, and it cost \$30,000. To say, then, that he guards it with a jealous eye expresses but mildly the warmth of his affection for this official "dope sheet," to use the parlance of the gambler.

This card index system is literally a method of accurately recording every foot of pipe in the District water service, some 436 miles in all. While it is true that nearly all of the workmen connected with the Superintendent McFarland's department carry in their minds the location of these various pipe lines, yet in the event of a green hand being sent out to make repairs and not knowing exactly where to go, this tracing system is simply invaluable. Whenever a break or a leak in the system is reported, no matter how insignificant, the workman sent to repair it has only to refer to this index to find his exact destination without unnecessary delay.

The district is divided into districts, each district having a certain number of cards to record the story of its pipe lines and water mains. Each section of pipe has a number to correspond with one in the index, together with a description of the pipe, the volume of water it carries, and its exact location. It may be plainly seen, then, that in case of a break anywhere along the line it takes but a few minutes to find a gang of workmen on the spot, and the street runs on its usual course.

The scheme is right in line with what Superintendent McFarland thinks is absolutely essential in straightening out the intricacies of a busy department—systematized labor.

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many interesting adventures of Don Pasquale de Mosquera, governor of a Spanish settlement in South America in the picturesque sixteenth century. Mr. De Angella, as the governor, returns once more to the old-time style of comic opera character which made him a prime favorite among theatergoers twenty years ago. Mr. De Angella does not seem to believe in wasting energy in what is known as "trial performances," but brings the new piece to the "first nighters."

In the support of the star are such well-known stage people as Miss Estelle Wentworth, who has been responsible for more than one Broadway success; Miss Maude Leakey, Miss Lillian Rhoads, Richie Ling and Miss Vogel. It is said that Mr. De Angella personally selected every member of the large chorus and that this will mean that they are vocally equipped for their work as well as being up to the requirements in the matter of personal grace and beauty. There is a company of over seventy-five people and twenty-five big song hits are promised.

During the engagement of "The Girl and the Governor" at the New National, there will be matinees both Wednesday and Saturday.

Belasco—"Mrs. Temple's Telegram."

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram," a dramatized laugh in three acts, which made such a decided hit at Madison Square Theater, New York, and Powers Theater, Chicago, will be the attraction at the Belasco Theater week commencing Monday, October 8, Wednesday and Saturday.

This noted comedy is said to be the one survival of "Charley's Aunt," "Jane," and "The Private Secretary." It is as rollicking as a Hoyt farce, and by the way, includes in the cast of players an old Hoyt interpreter, Harry Conner. It is filled with comic, whole-some fun, generally supplied with a laugh for every hearty laugh and yet not wanting that cleverness which appeals to the intelligence and tastes of the audience. The story of "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" is that of a married man, who having been caught high in air in a Ferris wheel, the machinery of which was broken, is kept there all night.

Returning home in the morning he encounters a lady who is the wife of the man who was caught in the Ferris wheel, but she does not believe him, so he resorts to a lie instead. It is the apparently innocent subterfuge that involves husband, wife, and friends in all sorts of complications which keeps the audience in one continual roar of laughter from the time the curtain rises to the final scene. Among the more prominent members of the cast may be mentioned Harry Conner and Miss Sadie Martinot, who has been starred in such well-known New York successes as "Piff Paff Puff," "Last Marriage," "The Turtle," "Diplomacy," and "Dr. Bill."

Columbia—"The Clansman."

Thomas Dixon, Jr.'s widely discussed play, "The Clansman," will be the attraction at the Columbia Theater for the week beginning Monday, October 8, with matinees Thursday and Saturday. Mr. Dixon's play is anything but conventional; it strikes out on new lines; from beginning to end the interest of the audience is sustained at the highest pitch, and the climaxes are intensely thrilling.

One of the most interesting features of this play is the large number of negro characters portrayed. It has been claimed that the play is a bitter attack on the negro race. A careful observation will point out that such is not the case. The play shows five distinct types of the negro. Gus, the captain of the guard, is, of course, a negro brute and beast; Steve Lynch, the lieutenant governor of South Carolina, is an educated mulatto, a man of ability, and one who should have done something toward the betterment of his own race, but, misled by the false protestations of Northern fanatics, he falls into ruin and disgrace, simply because he has deserted his own color; Aleck, the old sheriff, is also for a time misguided, but as soon as he comes in contact with the true negro, he repents of his misdeeds, and from that time is a good, reliable, and respected negro; Nelse and Eve, the old family servants, true and faithful to their old master, are types of the